NASA Ames DART Water Rescue

Incident Command Section, Safety Officer Aircraft Rescue

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Aircrew Trapped in Aircraft Fuel / Oil Floating on Water

Cloud Emanating from Wrecked Aircraft

Aircraft Reference Data Lists Hazardous Materials for Aircraft Type

Rescue Personnel Not Trained In Aircraft Rescue

Lack of Aircraft Extraction Tools

Lack of Aircraft Extraction Techniques

Sense of Urgency to Do Something

Ejection Seats or Explosive Protective Equipment on Aircraft

Sharp Edges / Exposed Metal

Causes

Rescue Personnel and / or Aircrew Injured Due to Aircraft Unique Environment

Potential Effects

Death, Cuts, Burns, Trauma

Mitigation

Reference Data for Type of Aircraft Stored As Part of Response Equipment

Aircraft Familiarization Training On Expected Aircraft Types

Rowing Operations Used As Needed in Fuel / Oil on Water Environment

Gas Detection Equipment Available As Needed

Proper PPE Used - Helmet, Eye Protection, Leather Gloves, Dry Suit, Nomex Undersuit

Technical Resource Available Trained in Aircraft Entry and Extraction Techniques

Non-Sparking Tools Used as Needed

Explosion Proof Radios Used As Needed

Will Not Attempt Rescue Under Hazardous Fire Conditions (Rescuers in Danger)

DART Water Rescue Will Not Attempt Aircraft Rescue Outside of Training / Resources

Air Show Operational Pre-Planning With Moffett Fire Dept.

Joint Training With Moffett Fire Dept

Decon Available from Standby Hazmat Team

Will Not Intentionally Submerge Rescuer Outside of Trained Techniques

2nd Boat Standoff As Backup / Support As Needed

Decision on Body Recovery vs Rescue Early

Tasks Needed

Moffett Fire Provides - Resources / Reference Material for Aircraft Extrication

Moffett Fire Provides - Aircraft Familiarization Training

Moffett Fire Provides - Aircraft Extrication Tools

DART Water Rescue - Water Rescue Related Equipment

DART Water Rescue - Water Rescue Safety Training

DART Water Rescue - Water Transport and Trained Resources

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Helicopter Operating In Area Transport to Scene by Helicopter

Flood Area

Military Operations in Area

People Not Trained In Helicopter Operations Using Non-Improved Landing Site (Non Airfield)

Causes

Helicopter Blades Strikes Person, Downwash Throws Debris or Crash

Potential Effects

Death, Minor Injury From Debris, Loss of Equipment (Blown Away)

Mitigation

Annual Helicopter Awareness Training

Helicopter Operations Training for Some People on Team

Annual Practice of Helicopter Operations Techniques

Preplanning of Landing Site Setup and FOD Removal

Obtain and Train With Helicopter PPE (Goggles, Ear Plugs, ...)

Practice Navigation Location Finding for Marking Landing Zone

Don't Use Helicopter Unless Have To

Safety Briefing Card / Checklist on Aircraft Safety (Crew Chief Goes Over Before Flight)

Stake / Lanyard All Equipment Down Near Landing Zone

Remove All Unnecessary Personnel or Gear From Landing Zone

Protected Waiting or Pre-board Area Near Landing Zone

Practice Using Standard Hand Signals and Standard Ground to Air Signals

Preplanning on Crash Situations (Meet-up Location, How Get Out of Aircraft)

No Operations Aft of Aircraft Centerline (Tail Rotor)

No Part of Item Carried Above Shoulder Level (Main Rotor Strike)

Training With USCG on Helicopter Operations

Safety Briefing Card (Questions to Ask) on Helicopter Preplanning of Landing Site Setup and FOD Removal

Training / SOP for Landing Site

NASA Ames DART Water Rescue Incident Command Section, Safety Officer Contaminated Food or Water

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Flood Area

Poor Organization At Logistics Area

Lack Of Good Water Source

Empty Water Supplies on Hand

Laxity in Sanitation

Causes

Rescuer Ingests Contaminated Food or Water

Potential Effects

Disease, Food Poisoning, Medical Problems

Mitigation

Clean and Fill Water Assets Before Deployment

Water Containers Washed Before Used Again If Needed

Sealed Water Bottles Located on Assets

SOP for Logistics Area / Camp Layout

Regular Team Training Include Cooking, Food and Water Prep

Hand Pump Water Filter Taken on Deployments As Primary Backup

Iodine Tables Used On Deployment With Primary Backup

Portable Sink Used for Washing Hands Before Touching Food

Storage of Sealed Meals in Response Trailer

Cleaning Supplies Carried in Response Trailer

Portable Toilet Carried in Response Trailer on Deployment Off Center

Portable Shower Carried in Response Trailer on Deployment Off Center

Use of Eating Utensils During Meals on Deployment Off Center

Tasks Needed

Water Containers Needed

Pack Response Trailer With Supplies

SOP for Logistics Area / Camp Layout

Regular Team Training Include Cooking, Food and Water Prep

SOP for Logistics Area / Camp Layout

Iodine Tables Used On Deployment With Primary Backup

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Incident Command Section, Safety Officer Hyperthermia

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Lack of Easily Available Water

Hot or Changing Weather Conditions

Very Dry or Humid Weather

Personnel in Dry Suits or Wet Suits

Exertion Over Long Periods

Lack of Regular Rest Breaks

Out of Camp Area for Extended Time

Sun Exposure

Lack of Layers to Add / Remove

Tired Personnel

Lack of Air Circulation

Causes

Body Temperature Above Normal

Potential Effects

Heat Related Injuries, Poor Coordination / Judgement, Increased Risk of Other Injury

Mitigation

Water Easily Accessible (On Each Person, In Each Asset)

Regular Scheduled Breaks

Dress in Layers (Risk vs Gain for PPE and Heat)

Regular Scheduled Shifts or Work Periods

Plan for Weather and How It Will Effect People

Log Time in Dry Suits

Check for Urinating, Body Temp, Fatigue During Breaks (LOC is Late Sign)

Briefing / Checklist on Equipment and Conditions Before Leave Camp

Rehabilitation Area Set Up - Personnel Monitored in Rehab Area

Camp Set Up Out Of Direct Sunlight Not On Asphalt

Practice Using PPE During Hot, Cold, Day, Night in Varying Temperatures

Camp Set Up In Area With Air Circulation

Monitor Vital Signs for Personnel

Sports Drink Available for Replacing Electrolights

Arrange for Shower to Cool Off

Contingency Plan for Evacuation of Hyperthermic Person

Tasks Needed

Water Added to Assets

Chart on Medical Conditions Including Time Logged in Drysuit

Medical Monitoring Sheet

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Incident Command Section, Safety Officer Hypothermia

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Warning Signs and Symptoms

Lack of Easily Available Food and Water

Cold or Chilly Weather (Especially Changing Temperatures)

Wet Weather

Personnel Wet or Working In Water

Exertion Over Long Periods

Lack of Regular Rest Breaks

Out of Camp Area for Extended Time

Night

Lack of Layers to Add / Remove

Tired Personnel

Wind

Personnel Sweating

Causes

Body Temperature Drops Below Normal

Potential Effects

Cold Related Injuries, Poor Coordination / Judgement, Increased Risk of Other Injuries

Mitigation

Water Easily Accessible (On Each Person, In Each Asset)

Regular Scheduled Breaks

Dress in Layers and Have Additional Clothes Available

Regular Scheduled Shifts or Work Periods

Plan for Weather and How It Will Effect People

Log Time in Water and Spray Conditions

Check for Sweating - Especially on Cold Windy Nights

Briefing / Checklist on Equipment and Conditions Before Leave Camp

Rehabilitation Area Set Up - Personnel Monitored in Rehab Area

Cots and Good Sleeping Bags for Overnight

Practice Using PPE During Cold - Day, Night in Varying Temperatures

Put Up Camp In Area Protected From Wind

Regular Meals and Snacks Available in Field

Contingency Plan for Evacuation of Hypothermic Person

Wind Protection for Personnel Classified as Rescue Swimmers

Blankets or Extra Warm Clothing Carried on Boats When Not Operating Close to Shore

Medial Treatment / Prevention SOP of Hypothermia

Tasks Needed

Water Added to Assets

Chart on Medical Conditions Including Time Logged in Drysuit

Lost

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Night or Low Visibility Conditions

Unfamiliar Area

Rushed Operations

Lack of Planning Time / Area Available

Lack of Maps / Charts Available

Slow or Poor Use Of Navigation Equipment

Poor Radio Communications

Poor Lighting Available

Tired Personnel

Navigation Not Assigned to Person

Cold and Wet Conditions Lack of Significant Landmarks

Causes

Person / Group Loses Direction of Travel or Current Location

Potential Effects

Trapped, Cutoff, Ineffective Group, Increased Risk of Other Injury

Mitigation

Compass in Fanny Pack for Each Person

Preplanning With Designated Areas for Search

SOP on Regular Call in On Location (Progress, Conditions, ...)

Navigation Training on Map and Compass

Navigation Training on GPS Units

Predeployment Briefing Including Landmarks, Directions, ...

Designate Competent Person For Navigation

Laminated Charts / Maps on Scene

Preplanning With NASA Dispatch on Salt Pond Designations

Map of Aerial Photos of Moffett Field Response Area

Navigation Practice in Day / Night Conditions

Training / Testing on Reading NOS Charts

Easy to Find and Safe Access Regathering Point for Lost / Separated

SOP on Lights (Flashlight, Headlamp, Chemlight) for Night Operations

Trail Marking for Overland Navigation (Colored Tape, Chemlights, Chalk, ...)

At Night Light Up Campsite for Direction Indicator

Local Training On Area Familiarization of Local Area

Tasks Needed

Designated Person For Navigation

Laminated Maps / Charts

Compass in Fanny Pack for Each Person

Campsite Identification Method (in SOP on Campsite Setup)

NASA Ames DART Water Rescue Incident Command Section, Safety Officer Loss of Communications

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Old or Uncharged Batteries Radios Turned On for Long Time

Dropped, Soaked or Abused Radio

Loud Conditions

Out of Area Deployment

Long Distance Between Radios

Hilly Terrain

Poor Pre-Planning On Mission

Hurried and Confused Departure From Camp Area

Causes

Radios Unable to Operate, Unable to Use Signals

Potential Effects

Confusion, Loss of Safety Backup, Poor or No Coordination

Mitigation

Spare Battery (AA) Pack Carried With Radios

AA Batteries Used In Headlamps, Small Flashlights, GPS Units

Spare AA Batteries Carried in Fanny Packs

Regular Use of Radios in Training

Charging Station in Shallow Water Trailer

Cigarette Lighter Adapter for Charging Radios in Car

Training on Using Hand Signals

Separation Between Team Members Limited to Visual Range When Able To

Communications Set Up on High Point

SOP on Regular Call in / Checkin

Training / Testing Of Radios in Water (Submerged)

Radios Stored With Full Charge

New Batteries Available for Deployment

Cache of Spare Batteries in Shallow Water Trailer

Tasks Needed

Radios Stored With Full Charge

Training / Testing Of Radios in Water (Submerged)

Spare AA Batteries Carried in Fanny Packs

SOP on Camp Setup - High Point or Good Communication Area

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Flood Area

People Live or Work in Area

Known Local Hazmat Problems / Storage

Abandoned Vehicle / Structures

Agricultural Area

Water Treatment Facility

Bay or Salt Ponds

Fuel Spill in Area

Causes

Toxic Materials Released Into Water - Gets on Personnel

Potential Effects

Skin Irritation, Health Problems, Contaminated Equipment

Mitigation

Hazmat Team Nearby / Dispatched At Same Time

Portable Sink in Shallow Water Trailer

PPE for Contaminated Water (Dry Suits)

Supply of Clean Water for Washing

Well Organized Camp (Clean)

SOP on Decontamination Guidelines

Regular Medical Check on Rescuers

Cleaning Supplies for Equipment In Shallow Water Trailer

Water Sample Kit for Testing Exposure to Chemicals

Annual Training on FRO and FRO Decon

Designated HAZMAT Trash Bin

Hepatitis A Vaccinations Required for Deployment

Body / Hand Wipes in Shallow Water Trailer

Tasks Needed

Camp Layout Scheme

Cleaning Supplies for Equipment In Shallow Water Trailer

HAZMAT Trash Bin

Preplanning on Salt Ponds / Bay With DART Hazmat